

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1378

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Stuart Edmund Wood, Jr., of Blountville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Stuart Edmund Wood, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bristol, Stuart Wood attended Virginia Tech and graduated from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, possessing the rare ability to transform a vision into a dynamic business achievement, Mr. Wood listened to his entrepreneurial spirit and founded and successfully operated several businesses, including Bonanza Mobile Homes, Holston Companies, Holston Distributing Company, Warehouse Central, Truck Central, Records Storage and Management Central, Bowman Wood Development, and Woodbridge Development; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a wise and diligent businessman, Stuart Wood was an active and important member of his community, serving on countless boards and committees, including rendering sterling service as the Chairman of the Board for the Mountain Commerce Bank and as a valued member of the Northeast State Foundation, the East Tennessee State University Foundation, the Pirate Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Johnson City Senior Advisory Committee, the Economic Development Board, the Johnson City Power Board, and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood was a devout member and leader of the Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, following in the footsteps of his beloved grandfather, a circuit-riding Methodist minister; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Wood was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Stuart and Bertha Bratton Wood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Brenda Wood and was the proud parent of Frank Wood and Meredith Seeley and the doting grandfather of Emma, Shelby, and Owen Seeley; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his sister and brother-in-law, Velva and Peter Wreden, and his housekeeper and loyal friend, Glenda Addison; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Wood leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Stuart Edmund Wood, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Wood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.